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**PATENT  
MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of	: Group Art Unit: 1632
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		: No. 053844-5019-00
For:	EARLY STAGE MULTIPOTENTIAL	:
	STEM CELLS IN COLONIES OF	:
	BONE MARROW STROMAL CELLS	:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Response is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2003 (Paper No. 4), in the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, Claims 1-3 and 9, drawn to a population of small and rapidly self-renewing stem (RS) cells.

This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional application.

Favorable examination of claims 1-3 and 9 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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